

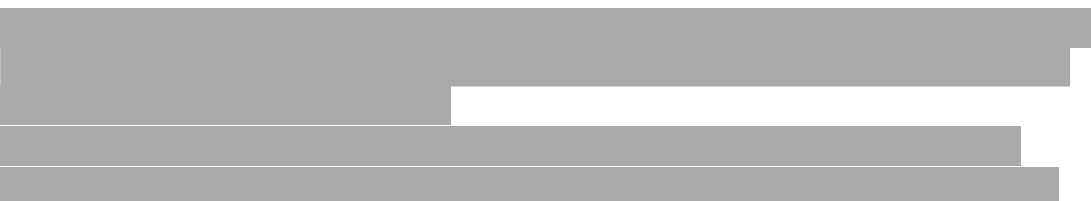
Meeting Purpose

- Inform Mike of Deschutes TMDL history and resubmit process
- Discuss options for responding to Ecology (see draft approval letter)
- Discuss options for pursuing and coordinating RA, HQ reviews

Project Background

Ecology submitted the final Phase 1 Deschutes TMDL to EPA for approval on December 17, 2015. The submitted TMDL package included a request that EPA approve allocations for 71 (actually 73) Water Quality Limited Segments (WQLSs) impaired by five pollutants (temperature, dissolved oxygen [DO], pH, fecal coliform, and fine sediment). Beginning in February 2016, EPA has discussed with Ecology opportunities to remedy legal and technical shortcomings of the TMDL that have been identified by both EPA (WU, ORC) and potential plaintiffs (NWEA, Squaxin Island Tribe). The remedy recommended by EPA to Ecology included:

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Update

- EPA and Ecology collaboratively developed the Deschutes TMDL resubmit letter
- EPA calculated bacteria TMDLs for 12 watersheds to assist Ecology

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- Ecology resubmitted the Deschutes TMDL for a smaller subset of waters on July 17, 2017.

Discussion

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